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ALABAMA AG OFFICE HONORED WITH AWARD FOR BEST BRIEF TO U.S. SUPREME COURT

(MONTGOMERY) – The National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) has honored the Office of Attorney General Luther Strange with its Best Brief Award. The award is presented to recognize excellence in brief writing by state attorneys to the United States Supreme Court, and is judged by a panel of leading members of the Supreme Court Bar.

Alabama's award-winning brief was prepared in the case of *Alabama Department of Revenue v. CSX Transportation, Inc.*, and was written by Solicitor General Andrew L. Brasher along with Deputy Solicitor General Megan A. Kirkpatrick. In this case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Alabama is permitted to justify its tax treatment of railroads as compared to motor carriers and water carriers. The Court held that lower courts should have allowed Alabama to justify its tax scheme by reference to public policy and comparable taxes.

"I am proud of the outstanding work performed by Andrew Brasher and Megan Kirkpatrick on behalf of the State of Alabama," said Attorney General Strange. "The Office of Attorney General is honored by the continuing national recognition of superior legal performances by our attorneys."

The Alabama Attorney General's Office has a long history of success with the NAAG Best Brief Award. Last year, Brasher and Kirkpatrick also were honored with this award. Since Attorney General Strange took office in 2011, the office has received four Best Brief Awards. This year's awards were presented today at the summer meeting of the National Association of Attorneys General in San Diego.

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